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Letter dated 16 January 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 16 January 2001 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the decision taken by Iraq to allocate the sum of 100 million euros to assist the some 30 million United States citizens who continue to suffer from persecution and discrimination and live on refuse, deprived of the most basic means of subsistence. This money should be distributed under the supervision of a mutually acceptable Iraqi body and with the full knowledge of the United Nations and the Secretary-General.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs requests that all the necessary measures be taken in order to permit this Iraqi assistance to be delivered as soon as possible, in coordination and consultation with you, thereby alleviating some of the suffering of those homeless and wretched citizens of the United States of America.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed **Al-Humaimidi**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



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I should like to inform you that the Government of Iraq wishes to express its humanitarian position and its deep sympathy for the human suffering and wretchedness of some 30 million United States citizens who live below the poverty line. The vast majority of those people are black citizens who continue to suffer from persecution and discrimination and live on refuse, deprived of the most basic means of subsistence, including food, medicine and secure shelter. Many are forced to live out in the open air, in cardboard boxes in the streets and alleys of American cities. The humanitarian tragedy faced by these wretched people, who in the United States of America are known as "homeless", deserves every sympathy and calls for every effort to be made to alleviate the burden of their cruel lives. Their continued suffering must not be met with silence. It is in order to make a contribution to the alleviation of some of the suffering of those homeless and poor Americans, and for the purest of humanitarian reasons, that the Government of the Republic of Iraq has resolved to allocate 100 million euros from the Iraqi funds in the Iraq account at the United Nations to assist those wretched, homeless American citizens. This money should be distributed under the supervision of a mutually acceptable Iraqi body and with the full knowledge of the United Nations and the Secretary-General.

I place this humanitarian initiative before you, hoping that all the necessary measures will be taken in order to permit this Iraqi assistance to be delivered as soon as possible, in coordination and consultation with you, thereby alleviating some of the suffering of those homeless and wretched citizens of the United States of America.

(Signed) Mohammed Saïd Al-Sahaf
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq